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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Garst et al.) Art Unit 1625
Serial No.: 10/620,252) Examiner: Morris, P. L.
Filed: on July 15, 2003)
For: PRODRUGS OF PROTON)
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CORRECTIONS FOR SUGGESTED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In view of the telephone interview with Examiner Morris on November 22, 2004 the applicant's undersigned attorney submits a *modified* version of the claims which were previously submitted with the amendment responsive to the Office Action of June 17, 2004.

During the above-noted brief telephone interview Examiner Morris and the undersigned attorney discussed merely formal defects and/or inadvertent errors in the form of the claims as submitted with the previous response. The purpose of the present submission is to facilitate for the Examiner a preparation of an Examiner's Amendment which would correct the formal defects and places the application in condition of allowance.

The changes made in the present submission relate to Claims 1 and 11. These changes formally indicate that formulas (ii) and (iv) through (viii) were deleted in the previous response, and that the mention of "heteroaromatic ring and of the variable Y has become redundant in light of the restriction requirement which had been made previously in the case.